of the most gorgeous of the papilionine genera is known as *Ornithoptera.* These great "bird-wing" butterflies are most brilliant in color in the male, and in the female attain an expanse of wing reaching in some species eight and even nine inches, so that it would be impossible to represent them in their natural dimensions upon a page such as that which is before the reader. One of these giants of the butterfly family, named *Victoria* after her Majesty the Queen of England, is found in the Solomon Islands, and is probably the largest of all known butterflies. One specimen, belonging to the author, has an expanse of wing exceeding nine inches. Among the strangest of recent discoveries is *Ornithoptera paradisea,* which is found in New Guinea. The male has the hind wings produced in the form of a very delicate and slender tail; the upper surfaces of the wing are broadly marked with shining green and lustrous orange upon a velvety-black ground. The female is black with white spots, slightly marked with yellow, being obscure in color, as is for the most part characteristic of this sex among butterflies, as well as other animals.

The Ethiopian Region is rich in beautiful butterflies of the genus *Callosune,* which are white or yellow, having the tips of the anterior wings marked with crimson or purple. There are many scores of species of these which are found on the grassy park-like lands of southeastern Africa, and they range northward through Abyssinia into "Arabia, and a few species even invade the hot lands of the Indian peninsula. In the great forests of the Congo, and in fact throughout tropical Africa, the genus *Acrœa,* com^ posed of beautiful insects with long, narrow wings like the genus *Heliconius,* but for the most part yellow, rich brown, and red, spotted with black, abound. And here, too, are found some of the noblest species belonging to the great genus *Papilio,* among

them that most singular and, until recently, rarest of the genus, *Papilio antimachus* of Drury, one specimen of which, among a dozen or more in the author's possession, has wings which exceed in expanse even those of *Ornithoptera victoria*, though this butterfly, which seems to mimic the genus *Acrœa*, has comparatively narrow wings, and they, therefore, do not cover so large an area as is covered in the case of the genus *Ornithoptera*.

In the Neotropical Region we are confronted by swarms of butterflies belonging to the *Ithomiinæ*, the *Heliconiinæ*, and the *Acræinæ*, all of which are known to be protected species, and